

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 42 CFR § 447.205, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) is required to give public notice of any significant proposed change in methods and standards for setting payment rates for services in the SoonerCare program. The following method change will necessitate an amendment to the Oklahoma Medicaid State Plan. The proposed change was presented at the Tribal Consultation meeting on January 4, 2022, at 11:00 AM via teleconference.

OK SPA 22-0016, Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP) for Adults, Effective date: September 1, 2022, contingent upon CMS approval.

The OHCA will seek CMS approval of a state plan amendment (SPA) to implement Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP) services for individuals ages 21 through 64 with substance use disorder, mental health diagnoses, and/or co-occurring disorders. Currently, PHP services are a benefit offered only to children under the age of 21. The state plan amendment will delineate covered service components. The state plan amendment will include PHP provider qualifications inclusive of required certifications, licensures, and any other state or federal requirement(s) for the provision of PHP services. Impacted providers include, but are not limited to, physician, physician's assistant, advanced registered nurse practitioner, licensed behavioral health providers, and other outpatient behavioral health providers. The reimbursement rate for PHP services to adults will be set at \$160.50 per encounter up to 23 hours and 59 minutes, converted from a blend of the 2010 Medicare two tiered per diem payment approach for partial hospitalization services: one for days with three services (APC172) and one for days with four or more services (APC173).

The estimated budget impact for the remainder of SFY 2023 will be an increase in the total amount of \$771,715; with \$160,864 in the state share.

Interested persons may visit oklahoma.gov/ohca/policies-and-rules/public-notice to view a copy of the public notice(s) and visit oklahoma.gov/ohca/policies-and-rules/proposed-changes to view a copy of the proposed state plan amendment and a link to provide public comments on the proposal. Due to the current public health emergency and the associated social distancing guidelines, persons wishing to present their views in writing or obtain copies of the proposed state plan amendments may do so via mail by writing to: Oklahoma Health Care Authority, Federal Authorities Unit, 4345 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105, or by email at federal.authorities@okhca.org. Written comments or requests for copies of the proposed state plan amendments will be accepted by contacting OHCA as indicated. Comments submitted through the OHCA policy blog will be available for review online at oklahoma.gov/ohca/policies-and-rules/proposed-changes. Other written comments are available upon request at federal.authorities@okhca.org. Comments will be accepted from February 2, 2022 through March 4, 2022.